

Martin O'Malley, Governor Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor Joseph P. Gill, Secretary Frank W. Dawson III, Deputy Secretary

Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission Chairman, Bill Goldsborough 1355 Moyer Road Annapolis, MD 21403

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Dear Administrative, Executive and Legislative Review Committee Members,

As Chairman of the State of Maryland's 15 member Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission (SFAC), which has the duty of advising the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (MD DNR) on matters pertaining to Maryland's sport fishery, I am writing to express our support and request your approval of the MD DNR emergency regulation extension request for menhaden. The MD DNR Fisheries Service has kept the SFAC informed and sought our input throughout the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's fishery management planning and MD DNR menhaden regulatory process.

Sincerely,

Bill Goldsborough (approval of letter via email to MD DNR represents my signature) Chairman, Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission